

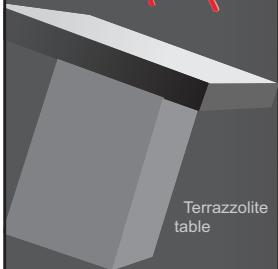
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Josh, who did not want his last name used, is living in Vancouver as a refugee because of his sexual orientation. He is speaking at an event on Friday that is meant to raise awareness of International Day Against Homophobia, which is Sunday.

Fighting homophobia

Event hopes to build respect among differing communities

KELSEA BLOXAM
for Metro Vancouver

A man living in Canada as a refugee, who's own grandmother threatened to tell immigration he is gay in order to have him deported, is speaking Friday at a breakfast aimed at promoting intercultural dialogues.

The event is meant to raise awareness of the International Day Against Homophobia, which is this Sunday. While gays and lesbians enjoy greater acceptance in Canada, they

face open violence in some other countries.

Josh, who did not want his last name used, moved to Vancouver from Fiji in 2004.

"I had a boyfriend in Fiji who was like my sugar daddy. There was an incident, which involved the police. I was beaten (for being gay)," he said. "My partner and I decided to move me to Canada because it wasn't safe for me there."

Josh's father, who still lives in Fiji, as well as his grandmother who lives in B.C., still don't accept his lifestyle.

Breakfast

- There will be various speakers at Friday's awareness breakfast being held at the Coast Plaza Hotel.

"Moving to Canada has been like finding a heart in a home. It has been the greatest thing that has happened in my life. Now I see potential in myself and now I see myself as a better person," said Josh.

The distance between Josh and his family in Fiji has helped improve their relationship.

Josh said his mother doesn't like to hear about his lifestyle but wants a connection with him.

"It has reached the point where I don't get any negativity from her," said Josh.

Peter Toppings, a member of the Rainbow Refugee Committee, is the co-ordinator of the awareness breakfast being held at the Coast Plaza Hotel in Vancouver.

"We are trying to encourage respect among communities that have other cultural values and the gay and lesbian community," said Toppings.

Drug dealer deaths prompt launch of help line for youth

GANGS Four men aged 17 to 21 killed in Abbotsford over the last six weeks had ties to the Bacon brothers, police said on Thursday.

The deaths of the low-level drug dealers are a

warning to other youth associated with gangs, Abbotsford police Chief Bob Rich said as he announced the launch of a Youth Help Line that would help youngsters

get out of drug dealing.

"The message to them is that they must speak to a parent, a teacher, a counsellor, a coach or a police officer to change the direction of their

lives," Rich said in a statement.

People who want out of drug dealing and gang involvement can call the Youth Help Line at 604-864-4787. **METRO VANCOUVER**

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Student turns to selling sex

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Despite previous cancellations, Fleetwood Mac concert a go

Musicians Fleetwood Mac are still performing at GM Place Friday night, despite cancelling their Calgary and Edmonton shows due to illness. The stop is part of the band's Greatest Hits "Unleashed" Tour. NEWS1130.COM

Local



Beaches and beachside pools open

Vancouver's 10 bathing beaches and three beachside pools will open for the summer Saturday. The beaches, which include Trout Lake in East Vancouver, stretch from Spanish Banks to Third Beach in Stanley Park. The New Brighton, Kitsilano Beach and Second Beach pools open at noon.

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Apartment fire leaves 70 homeless



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for Metro Vancouver

A fire at an East Vancouver apartment building that left one person in serious condition and 70 others homeless was likely started by a cigarette, according to firefighters.

"It started as a mattress fire," Capt. Gabe Roder said. "It was cigarette-related."

The building's tenants —

many of whom are elderly, uninsured and have medical conditions — will not be allowed to return to their homes for at least two weeks.

The City of Vancouver is paying for them to stay in hotels for three days.

Firefighters reported two fire alarms went off on Thursday at approximately 2:30 a.m. as fire ripped through a north-facing suite on the fourth floor.

"It started as a mattress fire. It was cigarette-related."

Capt. Gabe Roder

Elie Arshak, a retired computer programmer, has lived in the apartment for nine years.

"We heard the alarms, and then we all had to evacuate," he said. "The smoke was very thick and it was

hard to breathe."

"There's heavy smoke damage on the fourth floor, and the lower floors have suffered extensive water damage," said Verne Dion, principal of Barclay Restoration.

Lila moved into the building last month after her last residence in New Westminster also had a fire.

"This is my second fire in the last six months," she said.

Plan would light bridges for Games

OLYMPICS The Granville and Cambie bridges could be set aglow during the 2010 Olympics.

Vancouver city council will decide next week whether to approve a half-million dollar lighting plan that would cover both bridges, and the main branch of the Vancouver Public Library, with colour-changing programmable LEDs.

The lighting will be a permanent legacy that could be used year-round or during future civic celebrations.

The plan also proposes turning the AMEC building at the west end of the Dunsmuir Viaduct into a large-scale "pixel map" that could create patterns or even report hockey scores.

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Torch back in town before national relay

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2010 Games

TOUR The Olympic torch is in Vancouver this weekend at the end of a four-month cross-country tour to get Canadians jacked about the 2010 torch relay.

"It's part of Canadian history, part of Olympic history," said Kirsten Mihailides, a spokeswoman for the tour, which featured the torches from 11 previous Games including the 1936 Games in Berlin. "You talk to people who have carried the torch and it's kind of a life-changing moment."

The relay, which kicks off in Victoria at the end of October, will pass within an hour's drive of 90 per cent of Canada's population.

Andy An, 13, an elemen-

Flame tour

• The Sogo Carry the Flame Tour will be at Grouse Mountain Friday from about 5 to 7:30 p.m.

tary student at University Hill near UBC, found out last week he would be carrying the torch.

"I'm very excited," said Au as he posed with the torch at a preview event Thursday in Coal Harbour.

Au was selected by Coca-Cola to carry the torch through Sogo Active (a program to encourage physical activity in youths).

He said he was looking forward to keeping the torch as a souvenir.

"I'd show it off to my friends, although the flame might not burn any more."

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Vancouver elementary school student Andy An hoists a 2010 torch in Coal Harbour on Thursday. An was selected by Coca-Cola as a torchbearer in 2010 Olympic torch relay

News in brief

STABBING A 39-year-old man is recovering in hospital from surgery after being stabbed in the chest on Powell Street on Thursday morning.

AIRPORT Workers at Vancouver airport are threatening to strike after going more than four months without a contract. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Tuesday's Metro Your Money

TV host Alison Griffiths' new Metro column, Alison on Money, premieres in Your Money this Tuesday.



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Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson sent a package of gifts to Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley Thursday as part of a friendly wager on the Canucks/Blackhawks playoff series. The items sent to Chicago included Granville Island Beer, B.C. smoked salmon and Purdy's chocolates. **METRO VANCOUVER**

Students' party costumes get police response

HIGH SCHOOL Three students dressed in black trench coats, carrying gas masks and guns on their way to a costume party at their high school drew a large police response.

Several people called Coquitlam RCMP on Wednesday afternoon to report the men were heading toward Arch Bishop Carney Secondary School.

"Local police responded quickly, contacting school administration and calling in the Lower Mainland District Emergency Response Team to lock down (the school)," RCMP Const. Sharen Leung said Thursday.

The school principal told police the three were participating in an event that allowed students to wear costumes to school. They had been counselled on what were appropriate costumes but ignored school policies.

The students were questioned and had parts of their costumes confiscated. While they were not charged, the school is expected to take disciplinary action.

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Eye on Cloverdale

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Organizers of North America's top rodeos will be watching Cloverdale this weekend as a potential model of how rodeos might be run in the future.

The Cloverdale Rodeo, the second largest rodeo in terms of payout in Canada, adopted an "invitational" format last year, dropping the calf roping and steer wrestling competitions that had been the target of animal rights protests.

"We were very nervous ... we were the first rodeo in the world to go this format," said Laura Ballance, a spokeswoman for the 63rd annual Cloverdale Rodeo and 120th annual Country Fair.

"We saw a lot of new spectators who appreciated the change in format and appreciated the direction we went ... We felt that it was the kind of thing that needed to be done for our community."

This year's event features the four reigning world champions, the four



Brad Pierce, from Snyder, Texas, gets some hang time during the Bull Riding competition at the Cloverdale Rodeo last year.

reigning Canadian champions and the four defending Cloverdale Rodeo champions.

Ballance said last year's rodeo drew organizing committees from rodeos across North America. Among

those in attendance this year is a group from the Texas Stampede, a large rodeo in Dallas.

The Cloverdale Rodeo begins Friday and runs all weekend. The finals are 2 p.m. Monday.

Alaska students to help seal pups feel at home

Grade 5 students from tiny St. Paul Island, Alaska will be helping staff at the Vancouver Aquarium on Friday transfer seal pups to a temporary home here.

The six Northern Fur Seal pups, which were born on the island, are participating in a long-term project to study the species, whose population is declining at a rate of six per cent a year for reasons unknown to scientists.

Research staff from the University of B.C.'s Marine Mammal Research Unit will be trying to determine whether nutritional stress caused by changes in the animals' food supply or environmental conditions have reduced their survival



One of six Northern Fur Seal pups being transferred to the Vancouver Aquarium from Alaska on Friday.

or reproductive success.

Members of the public will be able to see the seals in the underwater viewing gallery.

The pups, which were given Aleut names by the children, are called Meechi (ball), Tikva (pumpkin), Tuku (chief), Kyoo (berry), Aya (friend) and Ani (lake).

KRISTEN THOMPSON/
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News in brief

VICTIM The man who died after being shot in Surrey on Tuesday has been identified as 33-year-old Damon Michael Martin.

2010 DRILL Two fighter jets flew over Vancouver Thursday as part of a security drill for the Winter Olympics, News1130.com reports. The military was prac-

tising how to deal with aircrafts entering no-fly zones during the 2010 Games.

DRUG BUST Mounties seized nearly 200 pounds of marijuana valued at \$250,000 in a drug bust in Chilliwack on Tuesday. Five males, aged 21 to 40, were arrested. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Strong winds overturn truck

Canada



Name game's bad news: Privacy office

Twitter users are being warned that playing the new "porn star name game" on the social messaging service could expose them to identity theft, says the Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada. The game involves forming a fictional porn star name for yourself by combining different names from your past — the name of your first pet and the name of the first street you lived on, for example.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Ottawa **Furry friends for 2010**



National Capital Commission CEO Marie Lemay poses with 2010 Olympic mascots Quatchi and Miga, top to bottom, during a celebration for the 2010 Games Thursday in Ottawa. Banners were unveiled that will hang along Confederation Boulevard in this summer in that city.

From school to sex trade

Woman sells 'erotic services' to pay down medical debts

Overwhelming student loans and escalating medical bills have sent a 21-year-old Calgary student to the underground Internet sex trade to make ends meet.

But she is not alone. With simple S-E-X key-strokes, men can access hundreds of women selling various sexual indulgences through Craigslist's "erotic services" category, but "Eve" insists she doesn't sell intercourse.

"I provide pictures and videos at their request in exchange for money. What I'm doing is no different than being in a Playboy, just with fewer viewers," she insists.

But perhaps more alarm-

ing is why she is doing it.

Eve said she was diagnosed with cancer last year and began taking unapproved medication, propelling her to a \$50,000 debt.

"In reality, I need more than that to break even. That's my reason for doing this," she said, adding she also works full time for \$13 an hour and attends school full time.

Another young woman, "Jane," 19, posts online "sugar daddy" Craigslist ads to overcome her \$40,000 debt, but she admits to meeting the usually married men in person.

"I was trying to find an easier solution to pay off my school debt. It is very over-

Eyes on Craigslist

• Craigslist has been under scrutiny for its erotic ads, and the highly publicized "Craigslist killer" case, in which a man stands accused of murdering a New York masseuse and attacking two other escorts who posted ads on the site.

whelming having that massive number constantly looming over my head," she said.

"I do have concerns about my safety. I am meeting the guys in public places at first, then when I feel more comfortable I would go somewhere private with them."

For now, both women

continue to tread the dangerous water of the online sex trade.

But Susan McIntyre, sex trade expert with 30 years of background, says the Internet provides a "false sense of security."

"In brothels or on the street, there are other people. But with Craigslist, there is really just the girl and the guy she is meeting. There is really no way of knowing who someone is," she said.

McIntyre said young girls are turning to technology because it's easier than walking the streets.

Editor's note: Women's names in quotes have been changed.

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METRO CANADA

Iggy rips into Conservative attack ads

POLITICS Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff launched a counter-offensive against Conservative attack ads that depict him as an "arrogant elitist" out of touch with everyday Canadians.

"When you're down in the polls, when you're presiding over the worst collapse in employment in recent memory, when you've got record bankruptcies everywhere you look, the thing you're going to do if

"The thing you're going to do if you're in government and responsible for this mess is to change the channel, and that's what these people are trying to do."

Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff

you're in government and responsible for this mess is change the channel, and that's what they're trying to do," Ignatieff said last night. "Is that serious gov-

ernment? Is that serious politics? That's the kind of government we've got."

The fact that he has "seen Canada from the outside," as a writer,

teacher, and reporter does not make him less of a Canadian, Ignatieff told members of the Labourers' International Union of North America and other representatives of the construction industry.

"At any given time there may be two million Canadian citizens living and working overseas. Is the Conservative party saying these people are less Canadian?" **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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Ex-judge appointed in officer's court case

LAW Ontario's attorney general has taken the rare step of appointing a former judge to "monitor and provide advice" in the case of a veteran Ontario Provincial Police sergeant charged with attempting to influence the outcome of a sex assault case involving flamboyant entrepreneur Frank D'Angelo.

Former judge and integrity commissioner Coulter Osborne will report to chief prosecutor John Ayre,

who is also assistant deputy attorney general, spokesman Brendan Crawley said yesterday.

OPP Sgt. Mike Rutigliano, 49, is charged with conspiring to obstruct justice in the sexual assault prosecution of D'Angelo, acquitted last month of sexually assaulting a business associate's daughter in a hotel room near a shopping mall. The trial lasted one day.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

News in brief

POLITICS The Conservative government came under opposition fire Thursday for the slow pace of infrastructure spending, and for not accounting carefully enough for what

has been spent. "We're in the middle of May and we still don't have shovels in the ground," said opposition MP Martha Hall Findlay.

REUTERS

Oliphant **Ex-PM on his past**



Former prime minister Brian Mulroney responds to lead commission counsel Richard Wolson while testifying at the Oliphant Commission in Ottawa yesterday. Mulroney was on the defensive over not divulging his relationship with businessman Karlheinz Schreiber in a legal hearing in 1996.

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The top Democrat in the U.S. House Thursday got into a public dispute with the CIA over what she knew about harsh interrogation techniques in 2002. Nancy Pelosi, left, is caught in a debate over what she knew about the techniques when they were being used and why she did not speak out against them. **REUTERS**

Pelosi caught in debate over torture

World



Blow-ing in the wind

An air-quality study in Madrid and Barcelona has found trace amounts of drugs such as cocaine, amphetamines and opiates in two air-quality control stations. Spain's Superior Council of Scientific Investigations said the doses were extremely low and pose no danger. It said the test results came from areas where drugs were likely to be consumed.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

China memoirs evoke turbulent memories

The memoirs of China's late Communist Party chief who was removed in 1989 for sympathizing with student protesters will give the party plenty to think about when deciding the country's political future, his one-time top aide said.

Two decades after his downfall and four years after his death, reformist leader Zhao Ziyang has shattered the official silence cloaking the 1989 Tiananmen crackdown in memoirs he recorded in secret under house arrest.

In his revelations, Zhao praised western-style

democracy and said multi-party politics, a free press and an independent judiciary were needed for China to become a parliamentary democracy.

Asked what the impact of the memoirs would be, Bao Tong, formerly Zhao's most trusted aide, told Reuters: "I think it will cause party members to reflect deeply."

Zhao had been accused of splitting the party for challenging then-paramount leader Deng Xiaoping's decision to send in troops to crush the pro-democracy protests centred on Tiananmen Square

in Beijing. Zhao died in 2005 after more than 15 years under house arrest.

Asked if Zhao's memoirs could split the party again, Bao was adamant: "No."

China has changed dramatically since 1989, breaking out of diplomatic isolation, emerging to become the world's third-biggest economy, hosting the Olympics and making its first space walk last year.



Zhao

Most Chinese are richer and freer.

But Tiananmen is still taboo in China and the authorities are expected to ban Zhao's memoirs.

"It will not be circulated widely," Bao said. Zhao's family declined requests for interviews.

The memoirs come during a sensitive year when the party must navigate through potentially volatile anniversaries, including June 4 and the 60th anniversary of the founding of modern China, while coping with a slowing economy and rising joblessness. **REUTERS**

UN's Annan unfairly treated: Former aide

BOOK Former United Nations chief Kofi Annan was unfairly tainted by the Iraqi oil-for-food scandal, which was whipped up by right-wing media in countries that backed the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq, his spokesman said on Thursday.

Frederic Eckhard also accused the U.S. and other powers of hypocrisy for having turned a blind eye for years to illegal oil contracts with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

Launching his book Kofi Annan, he said the former UN secretary-general's legacy should be based on many achievements over his 10-year tenure, such as fighting AIDS and putting human rights at the centre of the UN's work. The 1996-2003 humanitarian program was designed to ease the impact on ordinary Iraqis of UN sanctions. Iraq was allowed to make limit-

"When you cross the United States ... you can expect to be beaten up."

Frederic Eckhard, quoting James Wolfensohn

ed oil sales to buy food, medicine and other goods.

The book, based on interviews with 100 people including former British UN envoy Jeremy Greenstock and former World Bank president James Wolfensohn, is published in French, but Eckhard is in talks about versions in English and German.

"When you cross the United States, the most powerful member, you can expect to be beaten up. I think that is exactly what happened," he quoted Wolfensohn as saying. **REUTERS**

Focus on kids to stop flu: Study

VIRUS Travel restrictions and other measures help limit the spread of influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, but officials are largely ignoring the best way to stop the bug: Focus on children's hygiene, a researcher said on Thursday. Tom Jefferson of the Cochrane Library said encouraging children to do simple things like wash their hands is most effective.

"I don't really understand why some governments are obsessed with popping pills and giving injections," said Jefferson. "The evidence is clear. Hand washing offers protection against a lot of things, not just respiratory viruses."

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Lebanon Nakba Day



Palestinian children march at a refugee camp in Beirut Thursday to mark Nakba Day. Palestinians observe the date as a day of mourning of the establishment of Israel in 1948, after which an Arab-Israeli war brought the displacement of hundreds of thousands of Palestinians.

Thousands flee fighting

SRI LANKA Thousands of Sri Lankans under fire waded across a lagoon to escape the island's war zone, where the military has surrounded Tamil Tiger rebels for a final battle in the quarter-century conflict.

The military said aerial surveillance footage confirmed the exodus of around 5,000 people from a tiny, sandy coastal strip, where the U.S. and others say the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) are holding thousands by force. Sri Lanka and the LTTE on Thursday brushed off demands from the UN Security

No surrender

• The Tamil Tigers, on U.S., EU, Canadian and Indian terrorist lists, have vowed not to surrender in their fight for a separate nation for Sri Lankan minority Tamils.

ty Council and U.S. President Barack Obama to protect the civilians.

The UN's acting representative for Sri Lanka said that local sources in the combat zone confirmed up to 6,000 were in the water or safely across. **REUTERS**

Evolving 20's Top 10

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News in brief

SPACE A pair of spacewalking astronauts Thursday outfitted the Hubble Space Telescope with a new camera that will allow astronomers to turn their gaze closer to the birth of the universe. Clad in bulky pressurized spacesuits five-time shuttle flier John Grunsfeld, 50, and rookie partner Andrew Feustel, 43, floated outside the shuttle Atlantis for a spacewalk that lasted more than seven hours. The 11-day mission is the U.S. space agency's last chance to service the telescope — which has vastly expanded scientists'

knowledge of the universe — before NASA ends the shuttle program in 2010. It is NASA's fifth and final servicing call to Hubble, which was put into space in 1990.

GLOBAL WARMING A meltdown of West Antarctica's ice sheet would raise sea levels by half as much as previously expected, but the impact would still be catastrophic, especially for U.S. coastal cities, a study showed. A collapse of the ice sheet, viewed by scientists as more vulnerable than

Greenland or East Antarctica because of global warming, would push up world sea levels by 3.3 metres over hundreds of years rather than five or six as long estimated. "Levels on the U.S. seaboard would rise 25 per cent more than the global average and threaten cities like New York, Washington, D.C. and San Francisco," the University of Colorado at Boulder said in a statement.

WEATHER Private forecaster AccuWeather.com Thursday cut

its forecast for this year's Atlantic Hurricane season, which begins June 1, to 10 named storms from the 12 it predicted in March. AccuWeather forecast six of the storms will be hurricanes, down from eight predicted in March, with two of them rated Category 3 or stronger on the five-step Saffir-Simpson scale. AccuWeather's forecast is the latest of several to predict a less active hurricane season than in 2008, when hurricanes shut offshore oil-production platforms in the Gulf of Mexico. **REUTERS**

Clash over Bolivian plot

SOUTH AMERICA Bolivia's investigation into a group of Europeans who allegedly planned to kill the president and destabilize the country has worsened political and regional divisions, as critics say the government's evidence is weak. Police killed three Europeans in April and arrested two others and seized a weapons cache as they broke up what they called an international terrorist ring. **REUTERS**



Vancouver carpenter, Tim Boothroyd just won the top prize on his Set for Life ticket but isn't sure what he's going to do with the money. "I plan to spend it wisely. I might buy a car, a few lattes, and just lay on the beach somewhere until it really sinks in." He's a happy man no matter what he decides.

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Guiding girls on weight



Arya M. Sharma, MD
Guest Columnist

Anyone interested in promoting the health of young girls is faced with a seemingly impossible challenge. On one hand, in recent years we have seen a dramatic increase in the incidence of eating disorders — now one of the most common and dangerous chronic conditions in young women. On the other hand, the obesity epidemic has also adversely affected girls and women, with unprecedented numbers developing excess weight and related health issues, ranging from polycystic ovary syndrome and infertility to type-2 diabetes and sleep apnea.

While those concerned about eating disorders are careful to not reinforce a negative focus on body

weight, those concerned about obesity are unsure how to broach this issue without further diminishing self-esteem. There is clearly concern about the unintended harmful consequences from overweight and obesity prevention initiatives, particularly those delivered in schools. But over-emphasis on weight or group weigh-ins can trigger fat prejudice, weight-based teasing, or the ostracizing of larger children, or cause children to react to healthy eating messages by adopting extreme approaches to dieting and consequently losing weight to a degree that negatively impacts their health.

Perhaps the common ground lies in recognizing both eating disorders and obesity as psychosocial health issues. At one end of

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the spectrum girls and young women seek to control their weight by resorting to extreme dieting, excessive exercise and other destructive behaviours. At the other end, girls and young women turn to food to cope with negative emotions, stress, boredom, abandonment, emotional neglect and isolation.

Now, the Girl Guides of Canada have taken up the challenge of dealing with negative body image by introducing the Love Yourself Challenge badge, which girls aged five to 17 can earn by completing tasks that promote self-esteem, healthy eating and a positive body image.

Whether this initiative will indeed help to reduce

the risk of eating disorders while promoting healthy weight remains to be seen. Increased self-esteem is clearly beneficial whether you are dealing with being under- or overweight.

The societal causes of eating disorders and obesity may well be the same: media, advertising, disintegration of nuclear families, lack of role models, and loss of control over an excessively demanding, stressful and fast-paced society that takes little time to play, eat or reflect on the things that truly matter in life.

Let us hope that the Girl Guides' approach can manage to help girls walk the fine line between pathological dieting and numbing their emotions with food. If it can help dissociate self-esteem from body weight, much will have been won.

Dr. Arya M. Sharma is a professor of medicine at the University of Alberta. He blogs regularly on obesity and related health issues at www.drsharma.ca.



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MULRONEY'S SEAT ON THE FIRST TWO DAYS OF HIS TESTIMONY:

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MICHAEL DE ADOR

Views

No Cup, no worries — we're still the best

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Paul Sullivan
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I don't know if you noticed, but there was an election in B.C. this week. Gordon Campbell? He's the premier for another four years? More of the same?

Most people, I guess, are perfectly content with that result.

After all, Campbell and his Liberal government won their third majority in a row, and 52 per cent of eligible voters failed to exercise their flabby franchises, so we don't seem too concerned about life in Canada's westernmost

province these days.

We chose to agree with the Liberals that B.C. is "The Best Place on Earth" and stayed home. There's even a website: bestplaceonearth.ca that explains why we've got it so good — in case you're wondering.

I'm not sure who came up with such a cringeworthy slogan or who thought we had to be reminded, but it's worth noting that the rest of the world — almost — agrees.

Once again, Vancouver ranks among the Top 5 cities in the world in the annual Mercer survey of best places to live, so boasting, while bad manners, is not entirely out of order.

We should note that the survey considers Vienna, Zurich and Geneva as better places to live than Vancouver, but when you're that close to the top, don't

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I have the sneaking suspicion that I do live in the best place on Earth.

quibble. Just be happy you don't live in Baghdad, Bangui (the Central African Republic) or N'Djamena, Chad, the three losers at the bottom of the list.

It's also noteworthy that Vancouver stays in the Top 5 despite gang warfare, the failure of the Canucks to win the Stanley Cup and gridlock on the Port Mann Bridge.

We even have, according to Mercer, the sixth best infrastructure in the world, which means you should be able to make it over the bridge without falling into

the Fraser. Life is good.

Actually, I have the sneaking suspicion that I do live in the best place on Earth. Vienna has the best sacher torte, no doubt, but at the end of my block is a trail leading to a vast wilderness that runs all the way to the North Pole. If I want, I can walk 10 minutes in any direction from my office at the corner of Pender and Howe streets, and end up on the beach.

There are alabaster eagles all over the streets, but if I look up, the real thing circles overhead, its primeval cry echoing through the high-rise canyons. I even live in a city that has not one, but two rain forests. Take that, Vienna.

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Worth Mentioning



A worker packs away recovered money after a German man lost thousands of euros to a gust of wind.

Talk about blowing your money

GERMANY A man lost 23,000 euros (\$31,180) to the wind when an envelope with the money he had stuck in the passenger seat pocket of his convertible blew away during a test drive in northern Germany.

The cash — in 500, 200, and 100 euro notes — fluttered across the motorway in the midst of speeding traffic near the city of Hanover, police said.

The man, 23, contacted

police immediately, who then blocked the motorway in both directions for nearly half an hour. Eight police officers assisted the man in retrieving his notes and were able to recover 20,000 euros.

"The remaining 3,000 euros have not been found," a police spokeswoman said, but warned treasure hunters of searching for any bills and keeping them, saying that was illegal.

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Business

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\$1B for credit insurers

Insurance demand exceeding capacity: EDC

Canada's government offered up to \$1 billion in extraordinary funding to the country's six private credit insurers Thursday to help boost business activity and combat a steep recession.

The government said demand for credit insurance in Canada surpasses capacity as companies that sell goods seek protection against risks such as customers refusing to pay or going bankrupt.

The state-run Export Development Canada (EDC), endowed with new powers to combat the credit crisis, said it will step in to fill that gap.

"What we've seen in our

"Private insurers are not able to offer the full amount of coverage. What we're doing is matching their offering."

Pierre Gignac, EDC

discussion with private insurers is that many times clients come to them and look for protection on certain buyers ... and the private insurers are not able to offer the full amount of coverage," said Pierre Gignac, senior vice-president of insurance at EDC.

"What we're doing is matching their offering."

Lead players in Canada's credit insurance sector are Coface, a unit of French bank Natixis SA, and Euler Hermes, a unit of Germany's Allianz SE.

The other smaller players are AIG Insurance, Atradius, Execurisk and the Guarantee Co. of North America.

Their clients can use the insurance policies to protect their balance sheets, but can also take the policies to the bank and leverage them, or turn them into cash, Gignac explained.

The EDC expects there to be demand for the full \$1 billion on offer. **REUTERS**

Spain Shipyard protest



Riot police fire tear gas towards the building of the shipbuilding company Naval Gijon during a protest by former workers who have taken early retirement, in Spain Thursday. Protesters have occupied the shipyard's buildings, demanding assurances of their salaries after the closure of the company set for May 31.

Group cuts forecast for decline in home prices

HOUSING Canadian resale home prices will likely fall 5.2 per cent this year, less than earlier forecast, and April sales activity trended higher, the Canadian Real Estate Association said Thursday.

CREA said its new forecast for a drop in 2009 to \$287,700 for the average home price compares with the fall of eight per cent it forecast earlier in the year. In 2008 the average selling price was \$303,594.

CREA also revised its forecast for 2009 sales to

370,500 units, a drop of 14.7 per cent from 2008. That's an increase from its

earlier forecast of 360,900 sales this year due to better-than-expected first-quarter sales in British Columbia and Ontario.

"Monthly resale housing activity improved as the first quarter progressed, entering the second quarter on a rising trend and closing in on levels last seen before it fell sharply late last year," said CREA chief economist Gregory Klump. **REUTERS**

Obama urges credit card reform

WASHINGTON U.S. President Barack Obama urged the U.S. Congress on Thursday to pass a credit card reform bill by the end of May that would ban unfair rate increases and end abusive penalties.

"It's time for strong and reliable protections for our consumers. It's time for reform that is built on transparency, accountability and mutual responsibility," Obama said. **REUTERS**

Business in brief

CLAIMS The number of U.S. workers filing new claims for jobless benefits rose last week, Labor Department data showed Thursday, largely pushed up by auto plant shutdowns related to Chrysler's bankruptcy.

AVIATION A proposed alliance between AMR Corp.'s American Airlines and British

Airways would create a "monster monopoly," British entrepreneur Richard Branson said Thursday.

RETAIL Wal-Mart Stores Inc. reported a flat quarterly profit that met Wall Street expectations Thursday as the stronger U.S. dollar offset increased sales from shoppers seeking deals in its stores. **REUTERS**

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India's women's field hockey team has cancelled its tour of Canada this month because of fears over the outbreak of IA (H1N1), formerly known as swine flu. India was scheduled to play a set of exhibition and test matches in Surrey, B.C., from May 26 to June 4. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Running through hard times

Field of Play

Scott Russell

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there are more runners than ever before ...

"In tough times, it's not big business that makes the difference, but the individual."

Bill Rodgers, a four-time winner of the Boston Marathon, was at the start line of the Mississauga Marathon to address competitors before the race. Rodgers had recently returned to the road following surgery for prostate cancer last year.

"It was tough, but I made it," he told the runners in Mississauga, Ont. "Now you too are in the race and everything is on your side, including the weather."

In the end, the Mississauga Marathon raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for a health-care facility, a cancer research unit and the local YMCA.

Perhaps people keep running because they know that getting past these hard times is possible if we all hunker down and stay in the race.

Gemini Award winner and author Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons.

The guy in the store where running shoes are sold had a simple message.

"People run even when they're stressed," he said. Then he punched the cash register and rang up \$169 for a new pair of Mizunos while gleefully handing over a box full of hope.

Business is good.

"Maybe people run because they're stressed," replied the customer.

Running events are myriad in this country and even in a period of recession, they seem to be flourishing. From the Bridge City Boogie in Saskatoon to the Blue Nose International Marathon in Halifax, people are running in record numbers.

"Corporate support is down," said the organizer of the Mississauga Marathon, featuring 12,000 participants in its weekend events. "But

Wings, 'Canes advance

Stanley Cup
2009 Playoffs
(Detroit wins series 4-3)
Anaheim 3 Detroit 4



Daniel Cleary scored with three minutes to play in regulation to help the Detroit Red Wings take Game 7 of the Western Conference semifinals with a 4-3 win over the Anaheim Ducks.

The Ducks had tied the game in the first half of the third period, but Detroit answered late to take the lead.

Attacking in the Anaheim end, Henrik Zetterberg chased down the puck in the low left corner and chipped it out front. Cleary knocked the puck down and shovelled it toward Jonas Hiller, who wound up knocking the puck into the net with his right pad.

From there, the Detroit defence did its job, keeping Anaheim from setting up any pressure as a roaring Joe Louis Arena crowd



Detroit goalie Chris Osgood stops a shot from Anaheim's James Wisniewski Thursday night in the Red Wings' 4-3 win. Detroit moves on to face the Chicago Blackhawks in the Western Conference final.

watched their team skate into the Western Conference finals.

Carolina 3 Boston 2 (OT)

Scott Walker's first career playoff goal was a Game 7 overtime winner that propelled the Carolina Hurricanes past the Boston Bruins 3-2 to wrap up their Eastern Conference semifinal series.

Ray Whitney sent a shot in on Tim Thomas with time winding down in the first OT. Thomas tried to swat the rebound away from the crease, but Walker charged the net and chipped it up and over the Boston goaltender with 1:14 left on the clock, shocking the Bruins faithful gathered at TD Banknorth Garden.

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- The Western Conference Final is set to begin Sunday as the Detroit Red Wings host the Chicago Blackhawks.
- The Eastern Final gets underway Monday as the Carolina Hurricanes visit the Pittsburgh Penguins.

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Windsor, Drummondville early Memorial Cup faves

MATTHEW WUEST
Metro Canada



JUNIOR HOCKEY The puck drops on the Memorial Cup in Rimouski, Que., Friday night. The following is a breakdown of the teams vying for the Canadian Hockey League's top prize.

Rimouski Oceanic

Despite being hosts, the Oceanic have to be considered an underdog after not even making the QMJHL final. They bowed out in four straight to the Drummondville Voltigeurs in the semifinals and haven't played since April 22.

Oilers draft pick Philippe Cornet, Canadian world junior standout Patrice Cormier and all-star blue-liners Marc-Andre Bourdon and Se-

bastien Piche will try to keep the 2000 Memorial Cup champs afloat.

Drummondville Voltigeurs

Teams will have to find a way to shut down the prolific Voltigeurs, a favourite after averaging nearly six goals per game en route to their first QMJHL title. Playoff MVP Yannick Riendeau (29 goals among 52 points) makes them tick, while blue-liner Dmitry Kulikov is one of the CHL's best.

The loss of Maple Leafs draftee Chris DiDomenico to a broken leg takes some bite out of the offence.

Kelowna Rockets

The Rockets have made four trips to the Memorial Cup in the past seven years. They upset the No. 1-ranked Calgary Hitmen in the WHL final, but can be fairly classed as an un-

derdog along with the Oceanic.

Hulking defenceman Tyler Myers, a Sabres first-rounder, and Swedish forward Mikael Backlund, a Flames first-rounder, are players to watch, while forward Jamie Benn led the WHL playoffs with 33 points.

Windsor Spitfires

When Calgary was knocked off in the WHL final, it left Windsor as the top-ranked team at the Memorial Cup.

The tough, skilled Spitfires are led by playoff MVP and 2010 draft prospect Taylor Hall, Russian forward Andre Loktionov and ultra-skilled defenceman Ryan Ellis. The Spitfires are loaded with talent and widely considered the pre-tournament favourite along with the Voltigeurs.

Sports in brief

HOCKEY The Vancouver Canucks re-signed forward Steve Bernier to a contract extension on Thursday. Bernier tallied 15 goals and 17 assists in 81 games for Vancouver this season.

BASKETBALL Dwight Howard finished with 23 points, 22 rebounds and three blocks, as the Orlando Magic staved off elimination Thursday with an 83-75 win over the Boston Celtics in Game 6 of their Eastern Conference semifinal series.

BLUE JAYS Hideki Matsui's homer in the eighth inning was the difference Thursday, as the New York Yankees edged the Toronto Blue Jays 3-2 in the finale of a three-game set from the Rogers Centre in Toronto.

MARINERS Chris Davis' two-run home run in the bottom of the ninth inning on Thursday gave the Texas Rangers a 3-2 win and a three-game sweep of the Seattle Mariners.

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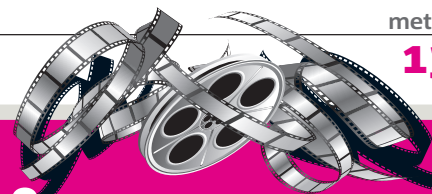
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Lighter shade of Bale

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Christian Bale has a reputation as a sometimes too serious and brooding actor, but says he lightened up for his role in Terminator Salvation. "This is Terminator," he says. "What are people really going there for? They're going for a good time."

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Angels & Demons turns into
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Bale seeks Salvation

Actor at ease with lighter fare in Terminator sequel

NED EHRBAR
 Metro World News



Christian Bale doesn't like being told what to do. In fact, he admits he's been more keen to take a role in a film if others tell him not to.

"Some people were saying to me, 'Why do you want to do that?' Which made me go, 'I'm going to go do it, then,'" Bale explains. "I really want to do it more, the more people say that. Maybe I should cut it out."

The latest film people told him to stay away from is Terminator Salvation, the fourth in the man vs. the machines franchise. Bale steps into the role of John Connor, humanity's only hope against evil killer robots. At first, Bale wasn't interested in taking on another big Hollywood franchise.

"Initially when I heard of this I thought, 'Well, it's

done. There's no new story to be told,'" he says. "That was why I said no a few times."

But in the end, Bale agreed, even though the final script hadn't been written. "I just couldn't believe that it couldn't become something that was worthy of people putting down 10 bucks in a movie theatre," he says.

Though he has a reputation as a sometimes too serious, brooding actor — prone to flare-ups like the tirade infamously leaked online last year from the Terminator Salvation set — Bale actually takes a much more relaxed view of his work.

"This is not Brecht or something. This is Terminator," he says, cracking a rare smile. "What are people really going there for? They're going for a good time."

Of course, offering that kind of a good time requires a decent amount of



Batman star Christian Bale steps into the role of John Connor in Terminator Salvation, in theatres next week.

Movie Feature

physical work on an actor's part. But for Bale, the challenges were limited. "I've gone through Batman, and that was tougher," he explains. "You

don't get humans hand-wrestling terminators. You're kind of lost by the time you get to that situation."

But there were some aspects of the productions he could've done without —

and not just absentminded crew members.

"When they don't position the harnesses correctly, it can really hurt ... down there," he deadpans. "You break out in cold sweats."

On the web



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Soul sucked out of Angels & Demons

Angels & Demons

Director: Ron Howard
Stars: Tom Hanks, Ewan McGregor
Classification: 14A
Rating: ☹☹%

RICHARD CROUSE
 for Metro Canada



REVIEW Harvard Professor Robert Langdon (Tom Hanks) is back in action. Three years after he uncovered the complicated personal life of Jesus Christ in Da Vinci Code he's once again using his knowledge of symbology to unravel the mystery of a secret brotherhood called the Illuminati and prevent a terrorist act against the Vatican.

What's more, he'll do it all in just one night. Sounds thrilling, yes? Unfortunately it isn't.

Most of the elements from Dan Brown's best-selling book Angels and Demons are in place, although several characters have been omitted and story lines reconfigured and



A scene from Ron Howard's Angels & Demons.

condensed in the name of brevity.

Summarizing the story, however, brings a simplicity that sucks out most of the mystery and colourful details contained in the novel. Langdon seems to be able to unravel clues, some hundreds of years old, with such ease that Angels and Demons becomes simply an elaborate game of con-

nect-the-dots rather than a fully fleshed out story.

It's a big summer movie, so we shouldn't really expect sophisticated North by Northwest style intrigue, but since the suspense lacks the action should take up the slack. Unfortunately though, while A&D wants to be an ecclesiastical National Treasure, it contains few of

the thrills of those popular Nic Cage movies.

Director Ron Howard fills the screen with handsome images of Rome but every time the movie works up the steam, Robert (Mr. Exposition) Langdon steps in with a long winded explanation of the history behind the various clues and symbols that sucks much of the movie's momentum.

Angels and Demons isn't as talky as Da Vinci Code, but its fatal flaw is the Langdon character. In the books he is the historical tour guide who provides the facts to bind the story together. On film, however, he comes across as a windbag who simply supports the story instead of adding to it.

That being said, Angels and Demons is a vast improvement over Da Vinci Code. The pace has been ramped up and the running time chopped.

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Cannes The Banks effect



Elizabeth Banks poses on the red carpet as she arrives for the screening of Spring Fever at the Cannes Film Festival Thursday.

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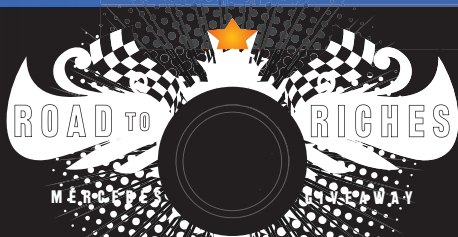
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InFocus

Richard Crouse

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Catholic League boss William Donohue doesn't want you to see the sequel to The Da Vinci Code. In a booklet titled *Angels & Demons: More Demonic than Angelic*, he accuses director Ron Howard of "smeared the Catholic Church." He's not alone. Hindu scholars have condemned the movie for "playing with the sentiments of the faithful for mercantile greed" and Vatican officials were reportedly considering a ban of the film.

Howard, usually the most non-contentious of Hollywood directors, seems to be treading on Oliver Stone territory here. He shot back at Donohue in the Huffington Post. "Let me be clear," he wrote, "neither I nor *Angels & Demons* are anti-Catholic," but deep down I think he knows a little uproar can be good for business.

History shows us that

movies have courted controversy since the very beginning.

The 1896 film *The Kiss* rode reviews like, "The spectacle of the prolonged pasturing on each other's lips was beastly enough in life size on the stage but magnified to gargantuan proportions ... it is absolutely disgusting," to the top of the box office.

Half a century later, another Howard, this time Howard Hughes, directed a movie thought to be so salacious that its "assault on decency" saw several theatre owners arrested for unspooling it.

Completed in 1941, *The Outlaw* was such a hot potato it didn't see general release until 1946.

Officially the film is about Doc Holliday and Billy the Kid's feud over a woman called Rio, but informally it's about something else entirely — star Jayne Russell's chest. Hughes was so smitten with Russell's deep cleavage he showcased it in the film and even had a special cantilevered bra designed to enhance the appearance of her 38D bust.

The emphasis on her breasts was too much for the Hollywood Production Code Administration, who demanded changes to the film.



Howard Hughes' 1941 film *The Outlaw* stirred up controversy over the emphasis on actress Jayne Russell's breasts.

Hughes balked, becoming the first American filmmaker to defy the Production Code and use the resulting hullabaloo to lure audiences into theatres.

The thing that binds all of these movies is controversy. Without it we may never have heard of *The Kiss*, *The Outlaw* or even *Angels & Demons*. In fact, Ron Howard should be dropping Donohue a thank-you note for all the free publicity his campaign against the film has generated.

After all, it was essayist William Hazlitt who said, "When a thing ceases to be a subject of controversy, it ceases to be a subject of interest."

Richard Crouse's Movie Show can be seen every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. on the E! Channel; mrcrouse33@hotmail.com.

The best/worst of Cannes

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada



As May hugs along to the mid-way point, the eyes of movie-lovers across the globe must cast their gaze towards some sunny beaches in France.

Though some people might think the Cannes Film Festival exists only to give Hollywood's finest a chance to show off their most expensive clothing on the red carpet, that's actually not the case. Every year the finest (and less-than-fine) filmmakers throughout the world submit their movies to Cannes, vying for a shot at international cinematic glory.

The festival has been a launching ground for new talent for decades, and perhaps the next great filmmaker is waiting to be discovered during the festival's two weeks of screenings. Or, maybe this year will be dominated by gigantic failures that will irritate the

rabid critics.

Lord knows the festival has been filled with both winners and stinkers over the years, which is why we thought we'd take this opportunity to look at some of the sweetest discoveries and biggest disappointments of the Cannes Film Festival's 63-year reign.

THE WINNERS

Roberto Rossellini's *Rome, Open City* kicked off the Italian neo-realism movement and won the first Palm d'Or at Cannes in 1946. The win immediately associated the festival with the budding art film community and throughout the '50s and '60s.

Ingmar Bergman, Federico Fellini, Michelangelo Antonioni, François Truffaut, Satyajit Ray and others launched their careers on the sunny beaches of Cannes during this period.

In 1970, Robert Altman transformed himself from a weathered TV director into one of the great American

filmmakers when *MASH* screened, announcing a new wave of American cinema that cleaned up at the festival for the next decade.

Even Quentin Tarantino's transition from chatterbox video clerk to movie icon tied into Cannes when *Pulp Fiction* took the Palm d'Or in 1994.

THE STINKERS

Of course, it hasn't all been roses at Cannes. Most of the historic Cannes disasters have thankfully been long forgotten. So let's focus on a few rough patches from recent years — like the instantly forgotten Americanization of *Godzilla* that closed the film festival in 1998 to half-empty theatres and a chorus of boos.

In recent years, many forgettable Hollywood films like *Shrek 2* and *X-Men 3* have premiered at Cannes hoping to benefit from the publicity, only to see the festival merely be the first round of a critical mauling.

Hanks regrets no sex

Tom Hanks is disappointed that there wasn't any room for a sex scene between him and co-star Ayelet Zurer in *Angels and Demons*. "It's my loss, but I think it did make it easier for Ayelet," he tells *Parade* magazine. **METRO WORLD NEWS**

Reel Time

***** A CLASSIC; **** EXCELLENT; *** GOOD; ** FAIR; * POOR

Anybody works magic

Is Anybody There?

Director: John Crowley
Stars: Michael Caine, Bill Milner
Classification: PG
Rating: ****

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Melodramas about seniors living in a nursing home aren't exactly the stuff of summer blockbusters. However, thanks to an amazing performance by Sir Michael Caine, *Is Anybody There?* deserves at least a shot.

The '80s-set story features Caine as Clarence, a retired-magician with a cantankerous demeanour who reluctantly befriends 10-year-old Edward (Bill Milner) after moving into the youngster's family-run old-folks' home.

While lonely Edward is obsessed with death (he even hides tape recorders under beds trying to cap-



Michael Caine stars in *Is Anybody There?*

ture evidence of souls passing into the afterlife), Clarence is dealing with a fading mind and a dark past. As he tells the boy, "You accumulate regrets and they stick to you like old bruises."

While that may sound

morose, the dourness is quickly lifted by plenty of surprising laughs and a load of charm as Clarence discovers redemption through mentoring Edward in the world of magic.

Sure, the film has its share of clichéd characters

and moments bordering on mawkish sentimentality but wrapped in an honest, brave script and supported by remarkable performances by Caine and Milner, *Is Anybody There?* works enough magic to make its flaws mysteriously disappear.

Feel-good Light for spiritually inclined

Fierce Light: When Spirit Meets Action

Director: Velcrow Ripper
Stars: Daryl Hannah, Alice Walker
Classification: STC
Rating: ****

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

REVIEW When Velcrow Ripper's friend and fellow activist Brad Will is tragically killed during a civil uprising in Oaxaca, Mexico, the tragic event shocks the Toronto-based filmmaker into searching for the meaning behind activism and the "quest to understand my inner self and its place in the universe."

As such, Ripper sets out with his camera to interview everybody from author Alice Walker to Archbishop Desmond Tutu; a

journey which takes him from Gandhi's Phoenix Ashram in South Africa to an endangered urban garden in L.A. where peaceful activists (including actress Daryl Hannah) squat in a tree.

You can't fault Ripper's intent; he definitely wants to aim the spotlight on the notion of what Gandhi labeled "Soul Force" — solution-based activism focused on compassion rather than violence.

However, the film hits its point early and often so while Ripper may travel great distances to collect worldly perspectives, *Fierce Light's* message is only burdened by reiteration.

Still, with some visually dynamic footage and a feel-good theme of empowerment, *Fierce Light* will surely knock the Birkenstocks off the spiritually inclined set.

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Billboard's top albums

1. Epiphany, Chrisette Michele (right); 2. Hannah Montana Soundtrack, Various Artists; 3. Fantasy Ride, Ciara; 4. Unstoppable, Rascal Flatts; 5. Together Through Life, Bob Dylan. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Music

On the outside looking in

The Virgins mine culture, sound of 1980s on debut

ROB MCMAHON
for Metro Canada

Rich girls, wild girls, dangerous girls — all kinds of girls populate the Virgins' self-titled debut.

A blend of Strokes-style garage rock, '80s new wave and funk, the band's music backs stories about the New York party scene and the girls in it.

Interviewing singer-guitarist Donald Cumming, one pictures his eyes glazing over as he describes the girl who showed him the movie version of Brett Easton Ellis's book *Less Than Zero*.

"(She was) this enigmatic girl, who was older than me and living dangerous — the kind of girl who had interesting things

happen around her," he said. "I had a huge crush on her but was too shy to do anything. She'd come to my house and bring over snacks. We'd get stoned and hang out in my room ... One day she came over and brought *Less Than Zero*, and we watched it, and it was amazing."

Home in N.Y.C. after a six-week tour of Europe, the 27-year-old grew up watching Heathcliff and He-Man, turning to Ellis and darker interpretations of the '80s when he reached his teens. About the same time he started hitting clubs. Thursday nights were reserved for '80s Night at Don Hill's, where ravers, hipsters and hip-hop kids hung out with scenesters.



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Flashing fake IDs turned into modeling for photographer Ryan McGinley — a gig that hooked Cumming up with the rest of the band. Soon he'd made the transition from club

kid to performer, and began writing songs that reflect the superficiality of the decade he loves, and performing alongside heavyweights like Patti Smith and Sonic Youth.

Stories about nightclubbing, partying and N.Y.C. life aim to bridge the specific through reaching for universal themes. For example, Cumming aims to rework a nightclub's door

The Virgins live

- The Virgins play the Biltmore Cabaret Friday night.

policy into a tongue-in-cheek microcosm of the class system. It might suck getting shut outside, but for Cumming, that's all part of the fun.

"I remember standing outside the club because I wasn't allowed in — usually because I was too young — but maybe you'll get shut out because you don't look good enough, don't have the right shoes, are wearing a button-up shirt (or there's) aren't enough women with you," he said. "But standing outside isn't so bad — I mean, what the f—, it's all part of the experience. I've had some really good times standing outside too. It doesn't have to define you."

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Music

Metro recommends

• Deeper Than Rap, Rick Ross:

Ross' heavy rhymes are dressed up with slick production, symphonic beats and A-list guest rappers.



• Fantasy Ride, Ciara: R&B

diva's sultry vocals perfectly suit her mix of electro-funky club tracks with guest stars galore.



• White Lies For Dark Times, Ben Harper And Relentless7: Harper's

trademark slide guitar sounds right at home with his band's hefty Texas blues-rock style.



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Paul Rodgers, Queen split up

BANDS Queen will no longer rock you — at least not with Paul Rodgers.

Ahead of a summer reunion tour with his primary band Bad Company, the singer said the Queen + Paul Rodgers collaboration is, in effect, over, and without animosity.

"At this point we're gonna sit back from this," Rodgers told Billboard.com.

"My arrangement with (Queen's Brian May and Roger Taylor) was similar to my arrangement with Jimmy (Page) in The Firm in that it was never meant to be a permanent arrangement."

REUTERS

TOP 10 MOBILE DOWNLOADS

1. Boom Boom Pow, Black Eyed Peas
2. Right Round, Flo Rida
3. Kiss Me Thru The Phone, Soulja Boy
4. Day 'N' Nite, Kid Cudi
5. Crack a Bottle, Eminem
6. Dead And Gone, T.I.
7. I'm On A Boat, Lonely Island
8. Beautiful Alkon
9. LoveGame, Lady Gaga
10. Knock You Down, Keri Wilson

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Best places to find new music

With billions of songs available, looking for new music (or music that's new to you) can be frustrating and intimidating. Here are a few ways to make things easier.

The Hype Machine (hype-m.com): This site scours blog postings and streaming websites for whatever you ask it to. Convenient "buy now" buttons make downloading what you've

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Alan Cross

metronews.ca/soundcheck

found a snap.

A New Band a Day (bandaday.com): Just like it sounds: a blog that promises a write up on a new band every day. No options

to purchase.

New Band of the Day (http://tinyurl.com/64y36d): A service of Britain's Guardian newspaper. At last count, there are nearly 550 bands in the archives, too. No option to purchase.

Crazed Hits (crazed-hits.com): A free talent scout tip sheet featuring hot unsigned bands and artists. This is great if you want to see what the current A&R bidding war might be.

Wearehunted.com

(wearehunted.com): What if there was a site that monitored all the other sites where people are looking for new music and then ranked them in a chart? We Are Hunted is a good attempt at monitoring the most popular songs on MySpace Music, BitTorrent, Last.fm, iLike, blogs, Twitter and press releases. Using some clever clustering algorithms, they come up with the Top 99 songs

"I know so many people who haven't set foot in a proper record store in years. Why not try the old fashioned method of trolling through the racks?"

of the day.

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Breaking down Animal Collective

ROB MCMAHON
for Metro Canada

Listening to an Animal Collective record, with its carefully crafted sonic details and convoluted pop melodies, one can spend hours puzzling over song construction.

But when weighing process against product, Brian (Geologist) Weitz, who handles electronics and samples, said he hopes listeners don't focus on song building to the detriment of enjoying the final product.

Asked if the video for My Girls, which shows the group performing the song on instruments and samples, is an invitation to watch the group's creative process, Weitz said that's not the case. Instead, it's the band's cover of the

1977 video for Magic Fly by French space-disco group Space and its "early '80s, Daft Punk thing."

"I think it's hard for people to know what we play, since there's a lot hidden," said Weitz. "For example, My Girls has no real samples of other people's music ... and so a lot of the process is constructing samples. The things that we trigger when we're on stage playing the song are built from something else."

That process begins when the Collective work out a few broad rules on vocal styles, instrumental palettes and the overall atmosphere for each record. For example, Merriweather Post Pavilion was designed in part as a contemplative electronic record that showcases the group's love of dance music and al-

See it live

• Animal Collective plays the Commodore Ballroom May 24.

lowed primary songwriter Dave (Avey Tare) Portner to use instruments other than guitar and piano. The result features the rave-era synthesizers and massive basslines of tracks like My Girls and Daily Routine.

"We tried to make a bassier low-end record in the past ... Danse Manatee had deeper bass than this record, but because we recorded it ourselves with the equipment in our bedrooms, it got lost," said Weitz. "So this time we chose to record with a hip-hop engineer. Some of the really deep basslines — for example on My Girls — we can't play live, since we



Animal Collective is currently touring in support of its latest album, Merriweather Post Pavilion.

don't have enough hands on stage."

The band's vocal approach also moves from both sharp dynamic shifts (as heard in works like 2007's Strawberry Jam) and straight-up harmonies to counterpoint melodies between Portner and Noah (Panda Bear) Lennox on tracks like Taste and Guys Eyes.

"On Strawberry Jam, Dave didn't want any double-timing — he wanted the vocals to be just like we are on stage ... one voice at a time," he said. "With this record we wanted to get more layered vocals — not all straight-up harmonizing, but working with counterpoint call and response melodies."

Lohan to appear in comedy

Lindsay Lohan will appear in a fantasy comedy directed by David Michaels called *The Other Side*. According to Variety, Lohan joins a diverse cast that includes Woody Harrelson and Alanis Morissette. **MOVIESBLOG.MTV.COM**



Television

Fawcett's video diary

Angels actress shaves her head in a film about cancer battle

Actress Farrah Fawcett is shown shaving off her famous blond hair in a heart-wrenching personal video diary of her long battle with cancer that is reaching its end.

Farrah's Story — effectively the self-written obituary of the Charlie's Angels star — was given a semi-private premiere on Wednesday night ahead of a nationwide broadcast on NBC television on Friday.

The 90-minute film, much of it narrated by Fawcett herself, chronicles the highs and the lows of the actress' numerous medical

treatments since her 2006 diagnosis with anal cancer and the recent weeks when she has been bedridden, heavily medicated and barely able to recognize her son.

Her long-time companion, actor Ryan O'Neal, called Fawcett a fighter and said the 62-year-old actress wanted to share her cancer journey with the public — on her own terms.

Fawcett found international fame in the 1970s for her role as the tanned, blond private eye in the hit television show *Charlie's Angels*. The film includes footage of a delighted

young Prince Charles of Britain getting to meet her.

Unflinching in its detail, the film shows Fawcett sometimes vomiting from the side effects of her cancer treatments and on other occasions dancing with friends during times when her tumors had shrunk.

"I do not want to die of this disease. I want to stay

alive," she said when the cancer spread to her liver in 2007.

About six months ago her hair began to fall out.

"In the last two years I loved her more than I've ever loved her, ever," said an emotional O'Neal, 68, said in an NBC TV interview broadcast earlier on Wednesday.



Former *Charlie's Angel* Farrah Fawcett documents her heart-wrenching struggle with anal cancer in TV film *Farrah's Story*.

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	255	358	9	JOY	E News	The Insider	Cheating Death: 15 Incredible	Survival Stories (N) (CC)	20/20 (CC)	News (N)		
	250	321	9	CTV	etalk (CC)	Hollywood	Ghost Whisperer (CC)	Flashpoint "Exit Wounds"	Spectacle: Elivs	News (N)		
	252	336	9	ETV	Entertainment	Malcolm-Mid.	Prison Break Michael tries to bring down the Company.	NUMB3RS (CC)	News (N)			
	256	389	9	VI	Instant Star	TMZ (N)	America's Funniest Home Videos (Season Finale) (N)	Whistler "Unearthed"	News (N)			
	253	359	9	CITY	Law & Order: SVU	Mantracker (CC) (DVS)	Departures (CC)	Out There	Out There	The List		
	-	-	9	CW	Deal-No Deal	Deal-No Deal	The Game (CC)	America's Next Top Model	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	News (N)	
	289	381	9	CBS	Entertainment	The Insider	Ghost Whisperer (CC)	Flashpoint "Exit Wounds"	NUMB3RS (CC)	News (N)		
	287	379	9	NBC	Evening Mag.	Inside Edition	Dateline NBC (CC)	Farrah's Story (N) (CC)			News (N)	
	288	380	9	ABC	Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	America's Funniest Home Videos (Season Finale) (N)	20/20 (CC)			News	
	290	382	9	FOX	Two Men	Two Men	Prison Break Michael tries to bring down the Company.	News (N)	Most Wanted	Family Guy		
	502	390	9	NW	CBC News: The National (N)	CBC News: The National	CBC News: The National	CBC News: The National	CBC News: the fifth estate	National		
	500	500	9	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)		Larry King Live	Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)	Cooper 360			
	407	419	9	RSP	Sportsnet	MLB Baseball	Boston Red Sox at Seattle Mariners. (Subject to Blackout)	Sportsnet Connected (Live)	Sportsnet			
	400	400	9	TSN	SportsCentre (Live) (CC)		Off-Record	Boxing Friday Night Fights. (Same-day Tape) (CC)	SportsCentre			
	552	543	9	YTV	Carly "Go to Japan" (CC)		iCarly (CC)	Prank Patrol	Family Biz (N) (Adrenaline)	Mystery Hnt.		
	555	545	9	TEL	Batman	Spider-Man	Wolverine	Futurama	Aeon Flux ** (2005) Charlize Theron. (CC)			
	268	354	9	KNO	For King and Empire (CC)	Poirot (N) (CC)	Justice	Life Begins (N) (CC)	Dream Team (CC)	Larry Kent		
	575	583	9	CMT	And the Beat Goes On: The	Sonny and Cher Story ** (1999)		Candid C.	And the Beat Goes On: Sonny & Cher			
	615	520	9	A&E	CSI: Miami "Sunblock"	Criminal Minds (CC)	CSI: Miami (CC)	CSI: Miami "Deep Freeze"	CSI: Miami			
	521	560	9	TLC	Dress	What Not to Wear "Heather"	Dress	What Not to Wear (CC)	Weddings			
	616	522	9	SHO	The Outer Limits "Paradise"	The Best Years	Testees	Kenny	Webdrams	Sin Cities	Wife Swap	
	294	650	9	TBS	(6:00) Deliver Us From Eva	(:10) My Boys "Sex and-City"	Sex and-City	(:40) Save the Last Dance ** (2001) Julia Stiles. (CC)				
	603	561	9	FN	Diners	Ramsay's Kitchen	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Bobbi Flay	Dinner		
	320	621	9	CEN	Confessions of a Go-Go Girl	The Strangers ** (2008) Liv Tyler. (CC)	1408 *** (2007) John Cusack, Samuel L. Jackson. (CC)					
	581	566	9	MTV	Fantasy Fact.	Nitro Circus	MTV Live	Real World-Road Rules	Fantasy Fact.	Nitro Circus	Made (CC)	

SATURDAY

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	255	358	9	JOY	Out There	E News	FANatical (N) Family	Safe Harbor (2006, Suspense)	Tracey Gold. Premiere. (CC)	News (N)		
	250	321	9	CTV	W-FIVE (Season Finale) (N)	Law & Order: SVU	Southland "Westside" (CC)	Law & Order "Take-Out"	News (N)			
	252	336	9	ETV	ET Canada	Masterminds	Polygamy's Lost Boys	90210 "Zero Tolerance" (N)	NCIS "Semper Fidelis" (N)	News (N)		
	256	389	9	VI	New Canoe	Island Week	The Road to Avonlea	Koolhaas (CC)	Comedy Now (CC) (DVS)	Bravo! Fact		
	253	359	9	CITY	Without a Trace (CC)	Frankie Flowers	Inertia ** (2001) Jonas Chernick. (CC) (DVS)					
	-	-	9	CW	CSI: NY (CC)	Boston Legal (CC)	Boston Legal (CC)	CSI: NY "The Deep" (CC)	CSI: Miami			
	289	381	9	CBS	Entertainment Tonight (N)	The Mentalist "Pilot" (CC)	The Mentalist (CC)	48 Hours Mystery (N) (CC)	News (N)			
	287	379	9	NBC	Backroads	Inside Edition	Law & Order: SVU	Southland "Westside" (CC)	Law & Order "Take-Out"	News (N)		
	288	380	9	ABC	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire *** (2005) Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint. (CC)	News				
	290	382	9	FOX	Two Men	Two Men	Cops (N) (PA) Cops (N) (PA)	America's Most Wanted	News (N)	Most Wanted	MADtv (CC)	
	502	390	9	NW	Doc Zone Future of food.	Sat. Report	Weekend	Sat. Report	Weekend	Sat. Report		
	500	500	9	CNN	Newsroom	CNN Presents (N) (CC)	Larry King Live	Newsroom				
	407	419	9	RSP	MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox at Seattle Mariners. From Safeco Field in Seattle. (Live)		ATP Tennis Mutua Madrilenia Masters Madrid - Semifinals.	Sportsnet Connected (Live)	Poker			
	400	400	9	TSN	NASCAR Racing: Sprint Cup	SportsCentre (Live) (CC)	Survive This "Adrenaline"	ATP Tennis Mutua Madrilenia Masters Madrid - Semifinals.	SportsCentre			
	552	543	9	YTV	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Survive This "Adrenaline"	In Real Life (CC)	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Mystery Hnt.	
	555	545	9	TEL	Arthur and the Invisibles **	(2006) Freddie Highmore.	Futurama	Chicken	Clone High	Rick & Steve	Saul	
	268	354	9	KNO	Mystery Shark	Heartbeat "Night Mail"	Midsummer Murders Probing the murder of an undertaker.					
	575	583	9	CMT	Live at the Revival	The 44th Annual Academy of	Country Music Awards (CC)					
	615	520	9	A&E	The Sopranos (CC)	The Sopranos (CC)	CSI: Miami "Slow Burn"	CSI: Miami "Slow Burn"	CSI: Miami	The Sopranos		
	521	560	9	TLC	The Shift "The Ripple Effect"	48 Hours: Hard Evidence	The Shift (CC)	The Shift (CC)	48 Hours			
	616	522	9	SHO	Mutant X "Presumed Guilty"	The Party Never Stops (2007, Drama) Sara Paxton. (CC)	The Party Never Stops (2007, Drama) Sara Paxton. (CC)	Batman Begins *** (2005, Action) (CC)				
	294	650	9	TBS	(6:00) Monster-in-Law **	(:15) The Perfect Man ** (2005) Hilary Duff. (CC)	(:15) The Perfect Man ** (2005) Hilary Duff. (CC)	(:15) The Wood *** (1999) Omar Epps.				
	603	561	9	FN	Kitchen Nightmares (CC)	The F Word	Challenge (CC)	Ultimate Recipe Showdown	Nightmares			
	320	621	9	CEN	(6:15) Bratz * (2007) (CC)	The Incredible Hulk *** (2008, Action) Edward Norton.	Challenge (CC)	Ultimate Recipe Showdown	Spider-Man 3 ** (2007) Tobey Maguire.			
	581	566	9	MTV	Canada's Next Top Model	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	MTV Live	MTV News	After	

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VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
family sports news	251	308	9	CBC	Geologic Journey (CC)	Shania: A Life in Eight Albums (CC)				CBC News: Sunday Night (N)	News (CC)	
	255	358	9	JOY	Extreme Makeover: Home	Extreme Makeover: Home	50 First Dates ** (2004) Adam Sandler. Premiere. (CC)			News (N)		
	250	321	9	CTV	Corner Gas	Degrassi	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Desperate Housewives (Season Finale) (N) (CC)		News (N)		
	252	336	9	ETV	Amer Dad	King of Hill	Survivor: Tocantins (Season Finale) (N) (CC)	Survivor: Tocantins (CC)		News (N)		
	256	389	9	VI	Funnyest Home Videos	Gossip Girl (CC)	Cold Case "Shore Leave"	Medium (CC)		New Canoe		
	253	359	9	CITY	Two Men	Hates Chris	Rock of Love Bus	Cruise (CC) (DVS)		Role		
	-	-	9	CW	(6:30) Jericho	Licence to Kill	*** (1989, Action) Timothy Dalton, Carey Lowell. (CC)	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Cold Case		
	289	381	9	CBS	60 Minutes (CC)	Survivor: Tocantins (Season Finale) (N) (CC)		Survivor: Tocantins (CC)		News (N)		
	287	379	9	NBC	Dateline NBC (CC)			Saturday Night Live Just Shorts	Celebrated short films. (N)	News (N)		
	288	380	9	ABC	Extreme Makeover: Home	Extreme Makeover: Home	Desperate Housewives (Season Finale) (N) (CC)			News		
	290	382	9	FOX	King of Hill	Amer Dad	Family Guy	Amer Dad	News (N)	Sports	House (CC)	
	502	390	9	NW	Charles the Passionate Prince	The life of Prince Charles.	CBC News: Sunday Night	Charles the Passionate Prince (CC)				
	500	500	9	CNN	Newsroom	Newsroom	Larry King Live	Newsroom		Union		
	407	419	9	RSP	MLB Baseball	Sportsnet Connected (Live)	The Ultimate Fighter	Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Sportsnet		
	400	400	9	TSN	SportsCentre (Live) (CC)	Motoring	PartyPoker.net Women's World Open (Taped)	SportsCentre				
	552	543	9	YTV	Karaoke Star Junior (CC)	Karaoke Star Junior (CC)	In Real Life (CC)	Adrenaline	Survive This	Mystery Hnt.		
	555	545	9	TEL	Jimmy Two	Totally Spies	Futurama	Punch (CC)	Life's a Zoo	Life's a Zoo	Sons of	
	268	354	9	KNO	Hidden Buddha	Inspector Morse "The Last Enemy" (CC)		Life Begins (N) (CC)		Jazz		
	575	583	9	CMT	Garth Brooks "Backstage	Gone Country	Garth Brooks: Kansas City Concert (CC)	Backstage	Gone Country			
	615	520	9	A&E	CSI: Miami "Going Ballistic"	CSI: Miami "Darkroom"	CSI: Miami "High Octane"	CSI: Miami (CC)	CSI: Miami			
	521	560	9	TLC	Half-Ton Dad (CC)	Half-Ton Teen	Half-Ton Mom (CC)	Half-Ton Dad (CC)	Half-Ton			
	616	522	9	SHO	The Guard (CC)	Second Sight (2007, Drama)	Lexa Doig, Ty Olsson. (CC)	Rescue Me "Sheila" (CC)	The Guard			
	294	650	9	TBS	My Best Friend's Wedding **	(1997) Julia Roberts.	Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason ** (2004) (CC)	Excess Bag				
	603	561	9	FN	Jamie's School Dinners	At the Table	At the Table	Iron Chef America (CC)	Dinners			
	320	621	9	CEN	Fly Me-Moon	[Are We Done Yet? * (2007) Ice Cube. (CC)	Get on First Sunday ** (2008) Ice Cube.	(:45) The Bucket List **				
	581	566	9	MTV	Canada's Next Top Model	Canada's Next Top Model	Made "Ballroom Dancer"	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	After Show		

24 movies & entertainment

Survivor champ Richard Hatch has been released early from prison due to good behaviour, after spending four years behind bars. The 48-year-old was convicted in 2006 for failing to pay taxes on the \$1-million prize he won on the reality show. **USMAGAZINE.COM**

Going Out

Mix of Six

Cloverdale Rodeo

When: Friday to Monday
Where: Cloverdale Fairgrounds
Yee-haw! After 62 years of fun and excitement, the world famous Cloverdale Rodeo is back for another year. Top world rodeo competitors will be live in action so grab your cowboy hat and get ready for a weekend, rodeo-style.

Fleetwood Mac

When: Friday
Where: General Motors Place
The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductees are back on the road with their Unleashed tour. It has been five years since the multi-Grammy winning group toured making this event a hot ticket affair.

Vancouver Chinatown Night Market

When: Ongoing
Where: Chinatown
The 14th annual night market returns, bringing traditional handicrafts and gifts, multicultural performances, games, prizes and ethnic snacks. The market is open every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., at Keefer and Main Street.

Alex Gaudino

When: Sunday
Where: Pop Opera
Producer of Destination Unknown and I Love Rock 'N' Roll will be spinning live for the first time in Vancouver.

The Kills

When: Saturday
Where: Commodore Ballroom
The Kills include themes of text and film in their songs to create a new sound that brings out the madness of rock'n'roll. Special guests The Chibbolls will join the duo.

Les Misérables

When: Friday to July 19
Where: Stanley Industrial Alliance Stage
The production has played in 38 countries for more than 51 million people. The world famous show follows the lives and interactions of several French characters over a 20-year period. Tickets are available through the Arts Club Theatre Company.

Drinking tunes for the long weekend

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Victoria Day weekend is a uniquely Canadian kind of holiday. Summer is just around the corner and we've emerged from our winter slumber. It's also not dead yet, but there is a good possibility some of you will read this before hopping in the car and sitting on the deck at a cottage someplace.

The weekend also is recognized for the pivotal role of a cold brewski. Odds are more than one of you will down a couple of frosty brown pops this weekend, and could be you will also be near some kind of speaker, blasting some kind of tunes.

Metro has outlined for you three songs for some

particularly Canadian spots as you celebrate this upcoming long weekend.

No. 1: Motoring along in the vehicle, en route to the cottage, the friend's cottage, the campground, wherever. Depending on distance, you might get through 99 Bottles of Beer on the Wall and still have plenty of time left.

If you want to get the party started and have booze as part of your theme, Cigarettes and Alcohol by Oasis is a fitting starter. Liam Gallagher's wails about "looking for some action but all I found



Liam Gallagher

was cigarettes and alcohol" can be played at any time really, although the lyrics may be less intelligible depending

on what point in the weekend this track gets played.

No. 2: The next song on your list should be One Bourbon, One Scotch, One Beer by John Lee Hooker, although I first heard it in my younger days as performed

by George Thorogood and the Destroyers. This could either be on your stereo as you're entertaining at the cottage, but is just as likely to be found on the jukebox at the lakeside pub. This celebrates not just beer, but other options for you to savour into the wee hours of a Saturday night bender.

No. 3: Sunday morning. Mouth like cottonballs, where's the Gatorade? Music will wake me up. Sunday Morning Coming Down by Johnny Cash. Breakfast: Greasy eggs and sausage? Hair of the dog? Let's do hair of the dog. You'll all have your own playlists, but one would assume a couple of these are already in there. Have a cold one for me and enjoy Victoria Day everybody!

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Organize a spontaneous 5-minute street dance in front of the Vancouver Art Gallery open to everyone!
— Virginia

Give everyone hula hoops and watch them play with them!
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Spielberg: Director turned video-game whiz?

BRANCHING OUT Oscar-winning film director Steven Spielberg was so frustrated that no video games catered for all of his seven children that he did what an entertainment maestro might do — made his own game.

Boom Blox was the first in a multi-franchise deal between Spielberg and video game publisher Electronic Arts and has sold close to one million copies globally since it was released for Nintendo's Wii

last May.

On May 19, EA releases Spielberg's second game, Boom Blox Bash Party.

Spielberg, who said he plays just about every game that comes out, is a big fan of Nintendo's Wii console and its motion-sensor controls that involved physical interactivity.

"It's been very, very good for a parent like me who wants our kids not to be couch potatoes, but to get up and move their bod-

ies around more," said Spielberg, who worked closely with the team at EA's Los Angeles studio on both the games.

Spielberg said Boom Blox originated from the idea of using the Wii controller to knock something down, like the traditional family toy of building blocks.

In the newest game up to four players face a range of challenges of up to 400 levels in locations as diverse as outer space and

deep under the sea where they can create their own user-generated content and share this with others online.

"You can become a creator at home," said Spielberg. "You can become a participant and you can become an activist. It's a really wonderful way to empower players to share their ideas with the world and give us better ideas for our own future of the next iteration beyond Bash Party."

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Survivor alum sprung from jail

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Metro's 7th Heaven

1 Angels & Demons
FILM The latest adaptation of a Dan Brown novel has all the signs of a box-office whopper. Tom Hanks returns as symbologist Robert Langdon, Ron Howard's back at the helm, and good old Catholicism looms large in this thriller. Need we say more?

2 Jon & Kate
CELEBRITY The illicit-affair allegations are piling up as Jon and Kate Gosselin from the TLC reality series Jon & Kate Plus 8 battle to save their marriage. When the fifth season premieres May 25, a full hour will be devoted to hashing out their marital woes, us-magazine.com reports.

3 Eminem
ALBUM Marshall Mathers returns Tuesday with his first album in five years. With the market saturated with acid-tongued poseurs, it's time the real Slim Shady stood up and took back his crown.

4 Cannes Film Festival
EVENT The world's biggest film event is a must for those keeping a tab on the global cinematic pulse. This year's competition features films by true heavyweights like Pedro Almodovar, Ang Lee, Jane Campion and Quentin Tarantino.

5 MiFi
TECH U.S. telecom Verizon is launching the Novatel MiFi 2200 this month. The credit card-like gadget, when attached to your portable device, gives you your very own wireless hot spot that follows you everywhere you go.

6 Calendar Girls
PEOPLE The infamous English ladies are baring it all for cancer research again. The women — whose first calendar inspired the film Calendar Girls — have come out with a new 2010 calendar. It was unveiled this week and is available online.

7 If I Had A Million Flavours
FOOD Here's the scoop on the Bare-naked Ladies: They now have their own ice-cream flavour. This week, the band hooked up with Ben & Jerry's to launch If I Had A Million Flavours, featuring vanilla, chocolate, peanut butter, almonds and chocolate chunks.

It's a girl! And a boy!

Wanda Sykes and her wife, Alex, welcomed twins on April 27, her rep tells People exclusively. Daughter Olivia Lou weighed in at 6 lbs., 7 oz. and son Lucas Claude debuted at 7 lbs., 9 oz. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



A new fashion frontier

DANIEL HOLLOWAY
Metro World News



How do you dress Mr. Spock in a post-Wolverine world?

The problem no doubt bedevilled director J.J. Abrams and costume designer Michael Kaplan as they set out to make their new Star Trek film. But it looks like they got it right. Following its opening last week, Trek has proved itself a critical darling and commercial juggernaut — a sci-fi movie that feels contemporary despite constant visual references to its 1966 TV-series roots.

"It didn't look like too much had changed, but it still felt sleek and modern," Dino-Ray Ramos, a fashion writer for *sfxam.iner.com*, says of the film's costuming. "It was wise for them not to dress the character in black leather like in the X-Men films."

Wise indeed. Original Trek is steeped in a colour palette straight out of the psychedelic 1960s. A reboot featuring leather Ray-Bans instead of mustard pullovers and micro-miniskirts would have been sacrilege.

Costume highlights

• Batman (TV series, 1966-68)

It's hard to decide which is worse: The eyebrows drawn on Adam West's bat-cowl, or the pornographically short pants that Burt Ward traumatized a generation of TV watchers in as Robin. Actually, it's not that hard. It's the pants.

• Battlestar Galactica (TV series, 1978)

Half the people on this show were dressed like Han Solo. That's a good thing. The bad thing is that the other half were either dressed in Halloween costume-grade robot suits or like space-cult leaders.

• The Fantastic Four (film, 1994)

Eleven years before the horrible 2005 movie, there was an even more horrible film about the classic Marvel superheroes made on a shoestring budget to satisfy a legal obligation. The costumes, effects and makeup are among the worst ever committed to film — but still they're somehow more believable than Jessica Alba playing a brilliant scientist.

Dorothy Baca teaches design for performance at the University of New Mexico and was the costume supervisor on the 1997 film *Batman and Robin*. She says the original Trek and the equally candy-coloured 1966-68 *Batman* TV series made loud fashion statements for a loud cultural moment.

"They were indicative of what was going on in the youth culture at that time," Baca says. "If you

look at the '60s in terms of clothing and fashion, it's the first time we see a huge boom of things marketed toward young people."

That led commercial and couture designers of the day to create looks that reflected not just a counter-cultural colour scheme, but an obsession with space exploration at a time when the U.S. and the Soviet Union were racing to put a man on the moon.

Ramos sees echoes of Pierre Cardin's work in the updated Trek costuming.

"The uniforms immediately reminded me of his mid-century modern space-age collection," Ramos says. "He did this '60s spacey look."

But bright colours and mid-century enthusiasm have given way to dark characters wearing dark clothes. So why did kitsch and colour disappear from science fiction films?



Star Trek's costuming felt "sleek and modern," in comparison to the original, right.



"The average teen male is probably more jaded, a little bit more worldly than in mid-century."

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It looks like Nicole Richie and Joel Madden, who are expecting their second child, are going to have a boy. "Joel bought water-based paint for the nursery and — surprise, surprise — it's blue," a source tells In Touch. **METRO WORLD NEWS**

Celebrity Buzz

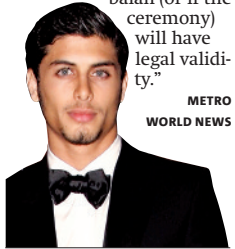
Madonna and Jesus planning Kaballah ritual?

MOVING FAST Rumours started circulating recently about Madonna and her Brazilian model boyfriend, Jesus Luz, planning some sort of ceremony together, and now Luz's father has confirmed it.

"The Kabbalah ceremony (that) will link up my son Jesus Luz and Madonna only confirms that he is extremely happy," Heiter Pinto da Luz tells Brazil's Quem magazine.

"I don't know if there will, in fact, be a real marriage between Madonna and my son."

"It will be a type of ritual, but I do not know Kabbalah (or if the ceremony) will have legal validity."



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Be a gold digger: Bette to Jennifer

HONEST ADVICE Bette Midler is offering up free dating advice for Jennifer Aniston — whether the former Friends star wants it or not. "She needs an exciting guy, like a race-car driver," Midler tells People magazine. "She should find somebody who is really hot, who's not in show business."

Somebody with a lot of money."



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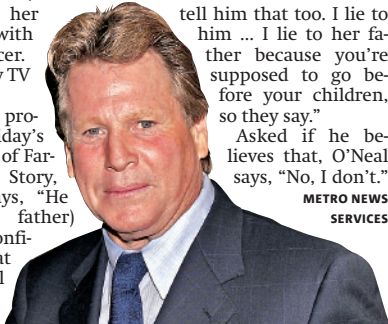
Ryan keeps Farrah's condition secret

FAMILY HEARTBREAK Ryan O'Neal has been lying to longtime lover Farrah Fawcett's aged father about the actress' health battle because he wants the 91-year-old to remain confident his daughter will beat cancer, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

James Fawcett is awaiting the medical OK to fly to the ailing star's bedside in Los Angeles from his Texas home — and actor O'Neal fears he'll be shocked when he sees his

sick daughter, who is losing her battle with anal cancer.

In a new TV interview, filmed to promote Friday's broadcast of Farrah's Story, O'Neal says, "He (Fawcett's father) has big confidence that she will recover."



"He believes that and I tell him that too. I lie to him ... I lie to her father because you're supposed to go before your children, so they say."

Asked if he believes that, O'Neal says, "No, I don't."

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Jay's high-security hospital stay

CRAZY FAN? Jay Leno's recent hospital stay turned into a high-security operation when a fake priest tried to gain access to the comedian's private room, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The comedian was forced to cancel a recent late-night show after medical bosses at TV network NBC ruled he was too sick with a fever to host the Tonight Show.

Leno was taken to a hospital near the studio where he tapes the show and now reveals a weird stalker almost got past staff by pretending to be a man of the cloth.

Appearing on



Ellen DeGeneres' show this week, he explained, "I'm lying in the bed ... and I hear, 'I'm Mr. Leno's priest; I'm here to see him.' Well, I'm not even Catholic."

A quick-thinking nurse realized the mystery man was a fake when she quizzed him about his religion. Leno still finds the story funny, but TV bosses at NBC didn't — and they boosted security outside Leno's room after the incident.

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Gotti family faces foreclosure

REMEMBER THEM? Now that a New York State Appellate Court ruling lead to foreclosure on Victoria Gotti's Long Island mansion — the five-bedroom, 5½-bath white brick residence familiar to viewers of her 2004 Growing Up Gotti reality show — the daughter of late mob boss John Gotti declares, "This is by no means over," people.com reports.

Speaking outside Brooklyn Federal Court on Wednesday, after a hearing over her \$650,000 US debt to housing lender JPMorgan Chase, Gotti, 46, said, "I'm never going to lose

the house — trust me," reports the New York Post and Daily News. "The only way I'm leaving is selling it, and we wanted out of there, anyway."



The house currently is on the market for \$3.2 million.

When word of Gotti's housing problem became public earlier this week, the so-called Mafia Princess told Newsday, "I'm bitter. The house, all the marital assets, are part of a divorce package (from ex-husband,

Carmine Agnello) I have never seen yet."

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Shannen a homewrecker?

SMACKTALK Shannen Doherty has claimed that she only started dating photographer Kurt Iswarienko after he filed for divorce from his wife, Taryn Band, in December. But Band's mother seems to remember it differently.

"Shannen broke up a marriage. And that's all I'm going to say," she tells Star magazine. Star also claims that even though he filed for divorce, Iswarienko is still technically married.

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New baby the boss of James

PARENTHOOD Nova Scotia-born actor James Tupper joked that fathering his newborn son, Atlas, with Anne Heche has been exhausting.

"It's a bit like having an unreasonable employer," he told People. "He doesn't give breaks."

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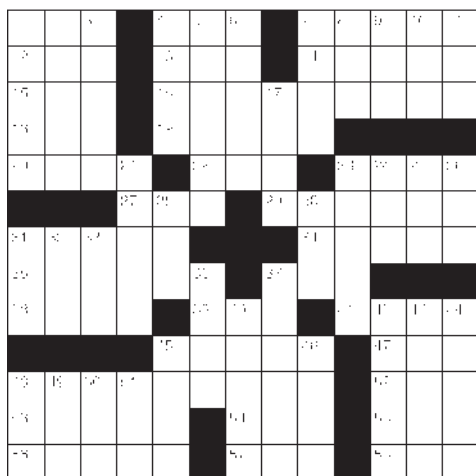
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14 Harden
15 Greek cross
16 Drilling ordeal
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29 Tooth problem
31 Split to unite?

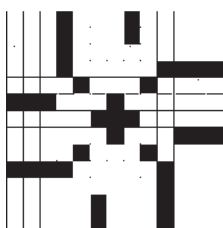
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55 First lady
56 Horsedrawn carriage
57 Tee preceder
58 Embarrassed

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- 1 Print of a sort
2 "Cradle of Texas Liberty"
3 Consecutive losses
4 Painter Chagall
5 Parka
6 Porch
7 Choose
8 Literary collection
9 Holster occupant
10 Important period
11 First st.
17 2009 bailout acronym
21 Dividing walls
23 Trattoria offering
24 Smart figs.
25 Prompt
26 Prepared

- 28 Grazing site
30 "The 7 Faces of Dr. —"
31 Greek vowel
32 Trail the pack
33 Bobby of hockey
36 Fabulous fliers
37 Fruit category
40 Montana city
42 Computer-related
43 Purple shade
44 Stick in
45 Ethereal
46 Spotters
48 Apply lightly
49 Flightless bird
50 Yule beverage
51 Yank

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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Metro Recipe of the Day



Scallops with Herb Dressing

INGREDIENTS:

1 lb (450 g) fresh scallops
12 oz (335 g) dried tagliatelle
3 tbsp (45 ml) olive oil

DRESSING:

Bunch of parsley
Bunch of chives
1 lemon
2 tbsp (25 ml) wine vinegar

5 tbsp (75 ml) olive oil
1 tbsp (15 ml) capers
6 large pitted black olives
Salt and black pepper

METHOD:

1. Put large pot of water on to boil. For dressing, rinse and dry herbs. Chop parsley and mint, snip chives and put in measuring cup; you need 3/4 cup (175 ml).
2. Grate lemon rind and add to measuring cup with vinegar and olive oil. Roughly chop capers and

olives and add, then season to taste with salt and black pepper, mix and set aside.

3. Check each scallop has had muscle removed, then rinse and dry.

4. Add pasta to boiling water and cook according to package instructions.

5. Meanwhile, heat olive oil in large frying pan over high heat and fry scallops 4-6 minutes until lightly browned and just cooked through.

6. Remove from heat and pour on dressing. Drain pasta well and serve topped with dressed scallops.

SERVES 4



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ARIES MARCH 21-APRIL 20



If you don't like the fact that someone with less experience is trying to tell you what to do then let them know. You don't have to be rude about it.

LIBRA SEPT 23-OCT 23



Certain people seem to be going out of their way to undermine your confidence, but they won't succeed. By mid-next week you'll be more self-assured.

TAURUS APRIL 21-MAY 21



You may be tempted to act first and ask questions later but the planets warn that might not be wise. If you have doubts, take plenty of time before deciding.

SCORPIO OCT 24-NOV 22



Is someone trying to cheat you? It's possible, but it's just as likely they're as confused as you are. Either way, don't assume you will get a fair deal today.

GEMINI MAY 22-JUNE 21



Honesty may be the best policy but it's liable to make matters worse today, so lie if you must; console yourself that on this occasion, it's for a good cause.

SAGITTARIUS NOV 23-DEC 21



You took on a lot of new responsibilities recently and you may be wondering if it was such a good idea. But you made your choice and you must live with it.

CANCER JUNE 22-JULY 22



If you give too much away today you could find later on that someone has stolen your big idea for their own profit and glorification.

CAPRICORN DEC 22-JAN 20



Don't stray too far from the straight and narrow today. If you stick to the rules you'll do OK, if not quite as spectacularly as you had hoped.

LEO JULY 23-AUG 23



You may be desperate to prove you're not just a one-trick pony, but don't take on too much too soon. The world thinks you're doing fine as you are.

AQUARIUS JAN 21-FEB 18



Maybe not everything has gone your way of late but life moves in cycles and it won't be long before you are on the upside of the curve again.

VIRGO AUG 24-SEPT 22



Stay focused on your number one priority. Others may try to distract you today but the only thing that matters is reaching that goal you have set yourself.

PISCES FEB 19-MARCH 20



Someone may deserve to feel the edge of your tongue but think carefully before you lash out. Build them up, don't knock them down.

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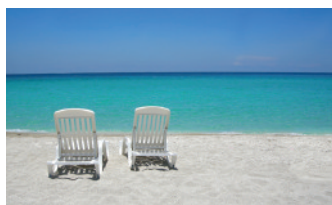
Alaska FROM **\$548**
+ taxes & fees \$219
INCLUDES 7-day Norwegian cruise, onboard meals & entertainment. Sail roundtrip from Vancouver cruising the Inside Passage, Sawyer Glacier and visiting Ketchikan, Juneau and Skagway. Port charges included.

Mediterranean FROM **\$615**
+ taxes & fees \$116
INCLUDES 7-day Norwegian cruise, onboard meals & entertainment sail roundtrip from Barcelona and visiting Malta, Naples, Rome, Florence/Pisa and Cannes. Port charges included.

New York Cruise & Stay FROM **\$1245**
+ taxes & fees \$197
INCLUDES roundtrip airfare to New York, 2 nights 3-star central Manhattan accom and 5-day Carnival cruise from New York visiting Saint John New Brunswick and Halifax Nova Scotia.

Queen Mary 2 Transatlantic FROM **\$1399**
+ taxes & fees \$33
INCLUDES 8-night transatlantic Cunard cruise on the Queen Mary 2, onboard meals & entertainment. Sail from New York to Hamburg visiting Southampton. Port charges included. **UPGRADE** to oceanview stateroom from \$13 per night.

Sun Holidays



HOLGUIN 4-STAR
FROM **\$587**
+ taxes & fees \$229

INCLUDES roundtrip airfare, transfers and 7 nights 4-star all-inclusive accom.

Cayo Coco 4-Star FROM **\$684**
+ taxes & fees \$229
INCLUDES roundtrip airfare, transfers and 7 nights 4-star all-inclusive accom.

Samana 4-Star FROM **\$688**
+ taxes & fees \$324
INCLUDES roundtrip airfare, transfers and 7 nights 4-star all-inclusive accom.

Hawai'i 7 Nights FROM **\$699**
+ taxes & fees \$143
INCLUDES roundtrip airfare and 7 nights 3-star accom in famous Waikiki. **ADD** Polynesian sunset dinner and show cruise from \$75.

Turks and Caicos 4-Star FROM **\$1157**
+ taxes & fees \$244
INCLUDES roundtrip airfare and 7 nights 4-star deluxe studio accom with kitchen facilities.

Europe Holidays



PARIS 7 NIGHTS
FROM **\$1197**
+ taxes & fees \$408

INCLUDES roundtrip airfare and 7 nights 3.5-star accom with breakfast daily located in the 12th district and Seine cruise.

London 7 Nights FROM **\$897**
+ taxes & fees \$457
INCLUDES roundtrip airfare and 7 nights 3-star central accom with daily breakfast. **ADD** London Eye & Thames River sightseeing cruise from \$45.

Munich Bavaria Explorer FROM **\$1147**
+ taxes & fees \$299
INCLUDES roundtrip airfare, 7 nights 3-star accom with breakfast daily, hop-on hop-off Grand Circle pass, full-day Salzburg City tour, full-day Royal Castles tour and dinner show at the Hofbräuhaus.

Amsterdam 7 Nights FROM **\$1227**
+ taxes & fees \$424
INCLUDES roundtrip airfare, 7 nights 3-star accom with breakfast daily, hop-on hop-off canal boat bus pass and 2 half-day tours.

Tuscany Holiday FROM **\$1427**
+ taxes & fees \$344
INCLUDES roundtrip airfare to Rome, car rental, 6 nights 3-star accom in Tuscany with breakfast and dinner served daily and 1 night 4-star accom in Rome.

Adventure Holidays



GREEK ISLANDS SAILING
FROM **\$899**
+ local payment EUR200

INCLUDES 8 days aboard a 50-foot yacht, snorkelling equipment, skipper and captain on this sailing adventure of the Greek Islands. Explore ancient archaeological sites, taverna-lined harbours and dine on fresh seafood.

Thailand Tribal North FROM **\$689**
+ local payment USD250
INCLUDES all accom, transportation, some meals, tour leader and local guides on this 14-day small group tour exploring Tribal Thailand. **HIGHLIGHTS** Bangkok, River Kwai, Ayutthaya, Chiang Mai, hilltribe trek, Golden Triangle, Chiang Rai, elephant ride and bamboo river rafting.

Belize & Guatemala Hummingbird Highway FROM **\$949**
+ local payment USD250
INCLUDES all accom, transportation, some meals, tour leader and local guides on this 14-day small group tour exploring Belize & Guatemala. **HIGHLIGHTS** Tikal, Flores, San Ignacio, Caye Caulker, Belize City, Mayan ruins, jungle hikes and the 2nd longest barrier reef in the world.

Canada Day Holidays



BANFF CANADA DAY WEEKEND
FROM **\$595**
+ taxes & fees \$133

INCLUDES roundtrip airfare and 4 nights 3-star accom in Banff. **ADD** car rental with unlimited mileage from \$84. **ADD** discover grizzly bears tour from \$139. **ADD** canyon river rafting from \$96.

Montreal Canada Day Weekend FROM **\$695**
+ taxes & fees \$152
INCLUDES roundtrip airfare and 4 nights 3-star accom in downtown near Old Montreal. **ADD** Montreal hop-on hop-off tour from \$40.

P.E.I. Canada Day Weekend FROM **\$935**
+ taxes & fees \$185
INCLUDES roundtrip airfare and 4 nights 4-star accom in the heart of downtown Charlottetown. **ADD** 18-holes round of golf at Green Gables Golf & Country Club from \$160.

USA Holidays



SAN FRANCISCO GETAWAY
FROM **\$448**
+ taxes & fees \$110

INCLUDES roundtrip airfare and 3 nights 3-star accom within walking distance of Union Square. **ADD** Sonoma and Napa wine tour from \$86.

Las Vegas 4 Nights FROM **\$275**
+ taxes & fees \$159
INCLUDES roundtrip airfare and 4 nights 3-star accom on the Las Vegas Strip. **ADD** 18-hole round of golf from \$72.

Palm Springs 7 Nights FROM **\$499**
+ taxes & fees \$150
INCLUDES roundtrip airfare and 7 nights 3-star accom steps away from shopping, world-famous golfing and attractions.

New Orleans Getaway FROM **\$565**
+ taxes & fees \$122
INCLUDES roundtrip airfare and 3 nights 3-star accom in the heart of the French Quarter. **ADD** Mississippi steamboat evening jazz cruise from \$91.

New York 4-Star FROM **\$599**
+ taxes & fees \$161
INCLUDES roundtrip airfare and 3 nights 4-star accom in Manhattan steps away from Times Square. **ADD** Manhattan harbour cruise from \$31.

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